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Dear Sirs,

I own Ridgefield Liquor Store in Ridgefield Ct. I also live in Ridgefield Ct. I purchased my store by re mortgaged my home and I made a life investment in my store. I signed a ten year lease on my store with a personal guarantee. I made all of these decisions based on the Liquor Laws of the state of Connecticut. I am in the same boat as 1228 small businesses in the state. The people that own and work in these stores make money and spend money in the state. The profits stay in the state. By transferring the sales of Liquor to big box stores the effect on small business will be devastating. The profits from sales in a Stop and Shop goes to the Netherlands, A&P goes to Germany, Shop Rite to New Jersey, Sams and Walmart to Arkansas, Target Stores go to Minneapolis. The Transferring of where to buy does not increase revenue it just increases Bankruptcy, foreclosures and empty real estate. I understand Sunday sales could increase revenue to the state, but destroying the Connecticut State Liquor Laws will only help Big Business, not Connecticut. I have always taken the responsibility of selling a controlled substance very seriously, I don't know if I can say the same thing for the sixteen year old cashier at Stop and Shop.

Resectfully,

Ken Wippermann

Ridgefield Liquor Store

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